Colorado for Family Values

Dear Colorado for Family Values supporter,

I want to take a moment today, apart from the news we bring you in our CFV *Report* newsletter, to share with you our concerns for the coming year.

Sharing the truth with our supporters is one of our paramount values -- and you're simply not hearing the truth in the national and local media about the real crisis we still face.

If the truth were being told, it would be no secret that the "gay-rights" movement remains a threat to our state -- in fact, more of a threat than ever. It would be no secret why Colorado for Family Values stands at the forefront of one of our nation's pivotal battles.

I wouldn't need to explain why this coming year will be as crucial as ever in resisting the forced affirmation of homosexuality.

There'd be no question that we're fighting -- today more than ever -- for your rights. For the right to disagree. The right to hold and to practice beliefs considered "politically-incorrect" by the media elite. The right to hold traditional values in an age when those values are under attack from extremist lobby groups.

Let's start with the attack on our State's constitution. To hear the homosexual lobby lately, you wouldn't know that the Colorado constitution contains these words:

ARTICLE II

Bill of Rights

In order to assert our rights, acknowledge our duties, and proclaim the principles upon which our government is founded, we declare:

Section 1. Vestment of Political Power. All political power is vested in and derived from the people; all government, of right, originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole.

Section 2. People may alter or abolish form of government - proviso. The people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves, as a free sovereign and independent state; and to alter or abolish their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary to their safety and happiness, provided such changes be not repugnant to the constitution of the United States.

Think about these statements in light of the recent court decision against Amendment 2. Then consider what militant homosexuals are telling you, compared to what Colorado for Family Values has fought for.

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The Homosexual Lobby says: *"The fact that a majority voted [for Amendment 2] does not make it legal ..."* Jim Joy, Colorado executive director of the ACLU.

The Truth: Apparently, Amendment 2's adversaries think it's all right for the majority to vote — as long as that vote conforms with a "politically correct" outcome. They want you to think only the liberal courts should hold political power — forgetting again, the Colorado Constitution. "... *political power is vested in and derived from the people*" ..."*The people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of government themselves ... and to alter and abolish their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary.*"

Here's some more falsehoods we need to confront in the coming year.

Militant Homosexuals say: *"If there is an overarching gay political agenda, it is simply this: lesbian, gay and bisexual people want the same things that all Americans want -- the right to live, work and raise children with dignity and without fear of discrimination based on who we are."* - Pamphlet distributed by the pro-homosexual group "Equality Colorado."

The Truth: There is a militant homosexual agenda. Here's what the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado vowed in a December 14 press release immediately following Bayless' decision:

> *"We urge varied and aggressive actions to eradicate the ignorance and bigotry which produced Amendment 2, and we issue a call for opponents of Amendment 2 to flood the state in our continuing battle against heterosexism, homophobia and discrimination..."*
> [Emphasis added]

Still think there's "no militant homosexual agenda"? If you disagree with these extremists, they want your views "eradicated!" My friends, that's an agenda.

Their plans to "flood the state" include pushing through more ordinances like those passed in Denver, Telluride, Crested Butte, Boulder and Aspen, -- telling those who disapprove of homosexuality they have no right to run their businesses, property or families according to their most deeply held values.

Under the two most recent ordinances
-- in Crested Butte and Telluride -- you can be thrown in jail
for up to one year for following your conscience or speaking your mind.

Quite honestly, they'd like to make an example of Colorado's voters -- with a powerful, well-funded attack on schools, libraries and city councils. And no town is too small.

In the coming year, Colorado for Family Values is poised to continue our stand for your freedoms of belief, speech and association.

Please continue to stand with us.

If you haven't done so lately, would you take just a minute to send your contribution of $20, $50, $100 -- or whatever you can -- and join tens of thousands of Coloradans standing up to this unfair agenda? As we have in the past, Colorado for Family Values will turn your gift into effective, efficient action to withstand this attack on the will of our state's voters.

As we did in passing Amendment 2, we'll use the funds entrusted to us wisely -- and we'll make them count. Here's what Colorado for Family Values is doing to oppose militant homosexual aggression today:

- We're aggressively educating Colorado citizens about the push for special homosexual rights, what it means to our state and nation. We're doing that through seminars, brochures, newspapers and more.

- We're expanding our grass-roots network to oppose all efforts in Colorado to impose homosexual special rights. This effort includes trained area leaders, mobilization plans, and local-official awareness.

- We're building the most complete database of its kind to document the militant homosexual agenda -- then provide this information to citizens and groups fighting this battle in Colorado and throughout the nation.

- We're sharing the truth about Amendment 2 with Coloradans who aren't getting it from the media.

- Most of all, we're actively preparing for a defense of Amendment 2 against all efforts to strike it down.

If you value this effective, coordinated stand against homosexual extremism, will you join with us and help protect what's best in our society?

Colorado for Family Values operates efficiently, on the tightest of operating budgets, with a small staff and the help of generous volunteers. (Our opponents

outspent us two-to-one in their losing campaign.)

Remember that no matter how strongly we oppose their political agenda, Colorado for Family Values has never advocated the least mistreatment of homosexuals. We believe that existing criminal laws protecting the safety of all citizens should be rigorously enforced. Yet as Judge Bayless recently ruled, homosexuals do not qualify for protected class status. We will do all we can to make sure this ruling is confirmed at the highest court levels.

Remember also that under Amendment 2, homosexuals can promote any agenda they wish, except they have to do it as an affluent, special interest group -- not a protected minority. Anyone opposing the militant homosexual agenda -- in the schools, for example -- could make their voice heard in the free marketplace of ideas. That's the American Way! Will you help us protect these freedoms by continuing your generous support?

Sincerely,

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P.S. Attacks in the courts are only part of Colorado's militant homosexual onslaught against your rights. Please continue to stand with us and help ensure that their agenda does not engulf our state.